

Memorandum

Date: May 21, 2020
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Notification of contract with Restoration Design Group, Inc for planning and design work on the Backfield Floodplain Enhancement and Flood Friendly Farm Project, Butano Creek

RCD staff notifies the board of a contract for an amount not to exceed \$59,800 with Restoration Design Group, Inc (RDG) to provide planning support and designs for the Backfield Floodplain Enhancement and Flood Friendly Farm Project, Butano Creek. The project is located within and next to Butano Creek in Pescadero, CA.

The project seeks to create 2-3 acres of low floodplain that will provide winter habitat for salmonids and an additional 4-5 acres of transitional floodplain. The low floodplain will provide habitat for a suite of aquatic species, provide sediment storage and reduce erosion from the creek banks that had become unnaturally steep over time. The transitional (higher) floodplain will provide significant sediment storage benefits and be a local pilot for flood friendly farming practices. The flood friendly farm field will flood occasionally during winter storms, while being farmed the rest of the year.

On February 18, 2020 the RCD distributed a Request for Qualifications via public website announcement and an email sent to 20 firms and received ten eligible proposals in response. After reviewing all submissions staff recommended a portfolio of potential contractors based on their specialized training and experiences related to planning, surveying, designing, funding, permitting, implementation oversight, and/or compliance for environmental projects in the region.

On March 19, 2020 the Board approved RCD staff's recommendation to approve the ten qualified contractors (individuals, firms or teams) as eligible for contracts to support planning, design, and implementation of creek habitat enhancement. RDG is one of these approved contractors and was chosen by RCD staff for the proposed project due to their experience with similar projects, availability, cost-effectiveness, and strong recommendations.